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Redondo Beach Man Sentenced to LWOP for Killing Girlfriend and Her Mother

A 26-year-old Redondo Beach man was sentenced today to two consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing his girlfriend and her mother, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On April 9, Jonathan Scott Chacón was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder with a use of knife allegation and a special circumstance allegation of multiple murders.

Case YAO83691 was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Lisa Houlé and Ryan Gould.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Steven Van Sicklen of the Torrance Branch also sentenced Chacón to an additional two years in prison for using a knife to commit the murders.

The killings took place at the apartment of 59-year-old Vicki Bergman on Feb. 28, 2012. Chacón claimed in court that he was acting in self-defense when he sliced Bergman's throat and her daughter's, Courtney Bergman, 19.

His 2-year-old son was in the home at the time of the killings, prosecutors said. Chacón escaped to Mexico that same day but was quickly arrested, prosecutors added.

The case was investigated by the Redondo Beach Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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